AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

*Please amend claims 1, 5, 9 and 13 as follows:*

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims**

1. (Currently Amended) A method for utilizing rainwater falling on a building, the method comprising:

removing a predetermined quantity of initial precipitation from the rainwater collected from a roof surface of the building;

supplying the rainwater to a purifier comprising a filtering tank containing a pH adjusting agent and a sterilization tank containing a primary reactive catalyst for producing active oxygen species, wherein the purifier carries ~~to carry~~ out pH adjustment and sterilization;

supplying the rainwater from the purifier to a storage tank; and

pumping out the rainwater from the storage tank for various uses.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising carrying out physical filtration at or before an inlet port of the purifier.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the pH adjustment neutralizes the rainwater that is acidic, and the sterilization is carried out using active oxygen species produced by decomposition of aqueous hydrogen peroxide.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising decomposing and eliminating residual active oxygen species remaining in the rainwater that has been supplied to the storage tank.

5. (Currently Amended) A method for utilizing rainwater falling on a building, the method comprising:

removing a predetermined quantity of initial precipitation from the rainwater collected from a roof surface of the building;

supplying the rainwater to a purifier comprising a filtering tank containing a pH adjusting agent and a sterilization tank containing a primary reactive catalyst for producing active oxygen species, wherein the purifier carries ~~to carry~~ out pH adjustment and sterilization;

supplying the rainwater from the purifier to a storage tank; and

monitoring a water level of the storage tank, and preventing the rainwater from entering the purifier and the storage tank if the water level has reached a predetermined upper

limit.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, further comprising carrying out physical filtration at or before an inlet port of the purifier.

7. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the pH adjustment neutralizes the rainwater that is acidic, and the sterilization is carried out using active oxygen species produced by decomposition of aqueous hydrogen peroxide.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, further comprising decomposing and eliminating residual active oxygen species remaining in the rainwater that has been supplied to the storage tank.

9. (Currently Amended) A method for utilizing rainwater falling on a building, the method comprising:

removing a predetermined quantity of initial precipitation from the rainwater collected from a roof surface of the building;

supplying the rainwater to a purifier comprising a filtering tank containing a pH adjusting agent and a sterilization tank containing a primary reactive catalyst for producing

active oxygen species, wherein the purifier carries ~~to carry~~ out pH adjustment and sterilization;

supplying the rainwater from the purifier to a storage tank; and

monitoring a water level of the storage tank, and supplying tap water into the storage tank if the water level of the storage tank has reached a predetermined lower limit.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, further comprising carrying out physical filtration at or before an inlet port of the purifier.

11. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the pH adjustment neutralizes the rainwater that is acidic, and the sterilization is carried out using active oxygen species produced by decomposition of aqueous hydrogen peroxide.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, further comprising decomposing and eliminating residual active oxygen species remaining in the rainwater that has been supplied to the storage tank.

13. (Currently Amended) A method for utilizing rainwater falling on a building, the method comprising:

removing a predetermined quantity of initial precipitation from the rainwater collected from a roof surface of the building;

supplying the rainwater to a purifier comprising a filtering tank containing a pH adjusting agent and a sterilization tank containing a primary reactive catalyst for producing active oxygen species, wherein the purifier carries ~~to carry~~ out pH adjustment and sterilization;

supplying the rainwater from the purifier to a storage tank;

monitoring a water level of the storage tank, and preventing the rainwater from entering the purifier and the storage tank if the water level of the storage tank has reached a predetermined upper limit;

supplying tap water into the storage tank if the water level of the storage tank has reached a predetermined a predetermined lower limit; and

pumping out the rainwater from the storage tank for various uses.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, further comprising carrying out physical filtration at or before an inlet port of the purifier.

15. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the pH adjustment neutralizes the rainwater that is acidic, and the sterilization is carried out using active oxygen species

produced by decomposition of aqueous hydrogen peroxide.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, further comprising decomposing and eliminating residual active oxygen species remaining in the rainwater that has been supplied to the storage tank.